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July 9, 2008

## MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

David Blair opened the meeting with introductions. MCA pointed out the anti-trust policy included with the attendance sheet, and reminded members to read and abide by the policy.

### **OLD BUSINESS ISSUES**

**1. Fuel Price Adjustment.** MDT will reevaluate the requirement for submittal of items at the Notice to Proceed or Pre-Construction meeting whichever is earlier. MDT asked MCA to submit suggestions on language that would be workable. MCA stated they would send some language.

**2. State Optioned Sources.** Judith Gap – N & S pilot project still looks good for September. MDT will do most of the work for the Open-cut permit. If the successful Contractor elects to use the source they will complete and submit the application. This item will be removed from next month's agenda.

**3. Incentives – Disincentives (Volumetrics, Density and Ride).** MDT is still requesting input from MCA. MCA volunteered to contact other Contractors, and prepare a response.

**4. Portable Sign Supports – Sign Trailers.** Given the variations of sign trailers used, MDT determined that this item may be included on the QPL. This item will be removed from next month's agenda.

**5. Civil Rights / EEO.** The disparity study has been delayed. It will not be completed until late August. However, there will still be a 30 day comment period. MDT will ensure MCA is aware of the results and has an opportunity for comment.

**6. August Meeting.** MDT will not be able to attend the August MCA meeting. Specifications distributed for comment in August will have an extended comment period to ensure that there is an MCA meeting prior to the comment deadline.

**7. Modified Lottman.** It does not appear the information from this test is useful to Contractors. This item will be removed from next month's agenda.

### **MDT NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Summary of Proposed Specification Revisions.**

##### **Current Specifications out for Comment**

Traffic Control Rate Schedule – MCA requested a 30 day extension to review and comment. Comments due July 31, 2008.

Errata change to 701.02.08. MDT rescinded the requirement that Grades 1A through 4A be non-plastic because there is not a sufficient quantity of material for testing.

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## **MCA NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Specification for Bid Documentation Requirements.** MCA stated it is difficult to compile all of the required information within 3 business days of the bid opening. MDT stated that this information should have been determined prior to submitting their bid. MCA stated that they often make estimates the night before the letting. MDT asked that they submit the information used to develop their bid. MCA stated this causes them to falsify the form or be non-responsive since they do not have some of the mandatory items. MDT stated they will look at the list of mandatory items.

MCA was concerned that contractors may be able to look at competitors bid documents given that they are public information. MDT stated that this has not happened in the past but will check with the legal on this issue.

**2. Specification for Continuous Length HDPE Conduit.** MCA requested that MDT allow the option to use continuous length HDPE conduit in electrical plans. MCA stated that the product is more economical to install and less likely to fail given the minimal joint welding required. MDT agreed to evaluate the product and make a determination.

**3. Ride Specification.** MCA questioned the change from 3 to 10 days for conducting the test. MDT stated the three days was put in to force MDT to complete the test in a timely manner. MDT plans to conduct the test as soon as possible after the Contractor completes their work.

*The next meeting will be September 10, 2008, at 10:00 AM at the MCA office in Helena.*